

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-19 and 21-28 under 102(e)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-19 and 21-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nagasaka (U.S. Patent 6,519,049).

Claim 1

Claim 1 now recites "a terminal unit, comprising an input device through which a user's printing request is input and printer-setting information is updated, connected to said Internet, operable to obtain said color image."

In a printing system of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a user's printing request is input and printer-setting information is updated in "a terminal unit". On the other hand, Nagasaka fails to teach or suggest this feature. The "receiver unit 100" of Nagasaka is not a device to perform the above feature of the present invention. Therefore, the "terminal unit" of the present invention is quite different from "a receiver unit 100" of Nagasaka.

Consequently, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be deemed allowable.

Claim 13

Claim 13 recites "wherein said correction information provider includes a correction notifying unit operable to notify the user of said terminal unit the contents of correction to be performed for said image."

As disclosed on page 12, lines 15-22 of the specification as filed, "a correction notifying unit" notifies a user the result of the color conversion. Thus, the user can find the difference between the colors printed by the printer the user uses and the colors to be reproduced originally. On the other hand, the printing system of Nagasaka discloses that a color is merely corrected and fails to disclose the above feature of the present invention.

Consequently, claim 13 and dependent claim 14 should further be deemed allowable.

Claim 17

Claim 17 recites "wherein said correcting information provider includes a storing unit operable to store said correcting information so as to allow re-use of said correcting information."

As disclosed in Applicant's Fig. 4, a correcting information providing apparatus 20 includes a correcting information storing unit 140. Further, as disclosed on page 8, lines 8 to 9 of the specification as filed, the correcting information is stored in a correcting information storing unit 140. Specifically, this feature allows the user to re-use the correcting information for the next correcting operation. On the other hand, the printing system of Nagasaka discloses that a color is merely corrected by a setting condition of monitor and printer, and fails to disclose the above feature of the present invention.

Consequently, claim 17 and dependent claim 18 should further be deemed allowable.

II. Rejection of Claims 5 and 14 under 103(a)

Claims 5 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagasaka in view of Kawate et al. (U.S. Patent 6,404,509). Claims 5 and 14 should be deemed

allowable by virtue of their dependency to claim 1 for the reasons set forth above. Moreover, Kawate does not cure the deficiencies of Nagasaka.

III. Rejection of Claim 30 under 103(a)

Claim 30 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagasaka in view of Gu (U.S. Patent 5,874,988).

Claim 30 recites “wherein said predetermined color is the original color of an item shown on an advertisement provided via the Internet.” The Examiner asserts that Gu col. 10, line 57 to col. 11, line 26 teaches this aspect of the claim. However, the column and lines cited by the Examiner merely describe the organization of the workstation and computer components in Gu.

Further, Applicant submits that a correct color can be precisely expressed by a printer regardless of a model and a setting condition of the printer. Therefore, the feature of claim 30 accomplishes a tremulous advantage because color selection is an important factor for a user in purchasing goods.

Consequently, claim 30 should be deemed allowable.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 9 and 20 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. At the present time, Applicant has not rewritten claims 8, 9 and 20 in independent form since Applicant believes claims 8, 9 and 20 will be deemed allowable, without amendment, by virtue of their dependency to claim 1 for the reasons set forth above.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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